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Communication on Narmada Sagar Project

6979. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any communication from the Government of Germany regarding the Narmada Sagar Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDHYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Delivery of Mail in Delhi

6980 DR. C. SILVERA:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the practice of non-delivery of mail in multi-storeyed buildings in Metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the mail is being delivered in Delhi and outside only once a day; and

(d) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. Mail continues to be delivered to addresses in multi-storeyed buildings. But the Delivery of mail Order 1991, dated May, 29, 1991 prescribes that ordinary mail for addresses in storeyed buildings, except those on the ground floor, will be delivered from November 1, 1991 only in Mail Box provided by them on the ground floor.

(b) The Order is necessitated by the increasing number of storyed buildings where it is not practicable for postmen to deliver mail at each address.

(c) No, Sir. Most Post Offices in Delhi and a number of post offices outside Delhi have more than one delivery of mail in a day.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply given at (c) above.

Import of Foodgrains from Canada

6981 DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import peas, pulses and other foodgrains from Canada;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is the largest consumer and producer of peas in the world; and

(d) whether the Government propose to boost country's foodgrains production to reduce reliance on import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Antennae which receive Foreign Programmes

6982. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of antennae in Public and Private Sectors in the country which receive the programmes telecast by foreign television centres;

(b) the rules for individuals or institutions for having such antennae and the charges therefor; and

(c) the annual revenue of the Government therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). 1. Programmes telecast by foreign television centres by using conventional transmitters in TV broadcast bands, can be received by using normal TV antennae in border areas. Licensing for TV/ Radio Broadcast receivers was abolished in 1985. State-wise distribution of such antennae, receiving programmes telecast by foreign television centres, is, therefore, not available.

2. (i) As regards reception of foreign TV programmes, through satellites, the Government's policy is to permit "TV receive only dishantenna" for reception of programmes only from Indian National Satellite (INSAT).

(ii) Licence to receive programmes-telecast by foreign television centres, through satellites, by using 'tv receive' only dishantenna is not granted to general public, as per the present policy of the Government.

(c) In view of 2 (ii) above, accrual of revenue to Government does not arise.

Seminars on Technical Education

6983. DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether seminars of experts were organised in 1989-90 and 1990-91 in Bombay and Lucknow to provide technical education in Devnagari script by computer; and

(b) if so, the details of discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). As one of its Plan activities, the Department of Official Language organised one-day Seminar-cum-Exhibition in Lucknow on 25.9.1990 and in Bombay on 27.11.1990 on " Biscriptual (Devnagari and Roman) use of Computers". Representatives of the Central Government Offices located in these regions, computer experts and manufacturers of software/hardware facilities for biscriptual use of computers participated in these events. During discussions in the seminar detailed information was given to the user organisations regarding word processing, data entry, programming, printing etc. in Devanagari script on computers and specific doubts of the users in this regard were removed. The objective for organising such seminar-cum-Exhibitions is to disseminate information regarding facilities available for use of computers in devnagari script as well so that Central Government offices could work on them as per the requirement of "Official Language Policy".